



## Nikkei Groups Urge \$500 Million Redress for '89

WASHINGTON — The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary heard testimony on April 5 regarding appropriations for Japanese American redress.

In an effort to get a maximum amount of \$500 million for Fiscal Year 1990, congressmen and representatives from major Nikkei groups including the Japanese American Citizens League Legislative Education Committee (JACL-LEC), the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCR) and the National Council for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR) testified before the subcommittee.

Testifying on behalf of JACL-LEC was Acting Executive Director Rita Takahashi. Representing NCR were Bert Nakano, NCR national spokesperson; Alan Nishio, Southern Califor-

nia co-chair; Miya Iwataki, national legislative chair; William Kochiyama; Sue Tokushige; Chizu Iiyama; and George Iwao. William Hohri testified on behalf of NCJAR.

"The central purpose of the Civil Liberties Act is to provide redress to persons who were damaged because of government action," said Takahashi. "To delay redress payments would be to deny justice. After 47 years, many will not receive redress because many will pass away before the monies are appropriated... with each passing day, fulfilling this intent becomes more and more remote."

Takahashi also related how increasing the funding now could actually save the federal government money. She based this on the fact that since over half of the possibly eligible are over 60-years-old, it would be more

cost effective for the government to pay these individuals directly now than to wait, locate and pay their survivors should the redress eligible individual pass away before the government could make restitution.

Takahashi also quoted Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio), who in April 1988 stated that redress was an action "... no other nation on Earth would take..." She pointed out that Canada, which passed its redress six weeks after the United States, has already begun paying Japanese Canadians who encountered experiences similar to Japanese Americans.

NCR's Nakano addressed the stance of anti-redress organizations and individuals. Despite identification as "veterans' organizations," he said, "We know of not a single mainstream

veterans' group which either opposed passage of the (Civil Liberties) act or opposes full funding of it." He also cited the war record and contributions of Japanese Americans during WWII.

To further refute anti-redress arguments, Nakano added, "Redress does not go to the Japanese government; it goes to American citizens and permanent residents. Those who were imprisoned were never charged with any crime and no evidence has ever been shown of a single act of disloyalty. The civilians interned at Manzanar and Poston and Tule Lake were not prisoners of war captured in battle."

Public Law 100-383, signed Aug. 10, 1988, authorized up to \$500 million per year to be appropriated over a 10-year-period for redress payments to Japanese Americans whose rights of due process of law were violated

during WWII. Federal budgets submitted subsequently, however, raised concerns among Japanese Americans that the funding would fall short of the maximum possible amount.

Before leaving office, President Reagan's budget recommended \$20 million for redress or enough to pay 1,000 eligible recipients; there are an estimated 60,000 possibly eligible redress recipients alive. President Bush's budget had no amount set aside for redress. In the meantime, the Office of Redress Administration has identified over 50,000 possible redress recipients. But because of a misinterpretation of the law, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) felt that \$20 million was adequate since it incorrectly assumed that the ORA had to first identify all eligible persons before payments could begin.

### Manzanar Committee

## 20th Annual Pilgrimage to Manzanar Set for April 29th

LOS ANGELES — The Manzanar Committee will hold its 20th annual pilgrimage to Manzanar on Saturday, April 29, the one-time campsite for persons of Japanese ancestry incarcerated during World War II. Located approximately 212 miles north of Los Angeles, off Highway 395 in the High Sierras, Manzanar is a California state historic landmark and a National Park Service historic site.

The first pilgrimage to Manzanar was held on Dec. 27, 1969. It began as a vehicle for students and community activists to launch a campaign to repeal Title II (Emergency Detention) of the Internal Security Act of 1950 which gave the president of the United States the power to incarcerate any person on mere suspicion without evidence.

It was the first of a number of activities to bring out a public awareness of the history and contributions of the Japanese in America. It gained momentum as organizations began to seek legal, medical and other social services for Asian American communities across the country.

After the first event, an ad hoc committee began collecting information, photographs and maps to accompany an application to designate Manzanar as a state historic site under the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The national Japanese American Citizens League co-sponsored the application. The application was approved in January of 1972. After a year of negotiations over the wording for the bronze plaque, Manzanar was dedicated as State Historic Landmark No. 850 on April 14, 1973.

The ad hoc group became the Manzanar Committee, a non-profit educational organization providing public access to information about the World War II experience and historic background information through its collection of photographs, video tapes, films and written materials.

In 1985, the Department of the Interior, National Park Service designated Manzanar as a "historic site which possesses national significance in commemorating the history of the United States of America."

The main focus for the past several years has been the proposed study of Manzanar as a historic park under the

auspices of the National Park Service. The study has been forwarded to the Department of the Interior for review and submission to Congress for appropriate action.

The Manzanar Committee supports Alternative 3 for a 500-acre historic park, which encompasses the entire area of the camp plus the cemetery and provide for the area's management and protection as an historic park. This plan would include features of interest such as the rock gardens, the judo and kendo facilities, the Children's Village (orphanage) and the Guayule Project (natural rubber development).

The Manzanar Committee is seeking volunteers to assist in the planning of this year's Pilgrimage. Interested persons may call (213) 662-5102 for further information.



**BORN TO RUN/WALK**—Kimochi staff and residents are ready for the 8th Annual Kimochi Cherry Blossom Run/Walk, scheduled for April 16. Left to right: Sue Yanase, Kimochi staff; Shizu Namba and Yuhei Suzuki, Kimochi residents; and Eiko Williams, Kimochi staff (see page 3).

### Commentary

## Redress Payments Seen as \$84 Million Windfall for Toronto, Vancouver, B.C.

By Cherry Kinoshita  
Nat'l JACL V.P., Public Affairs

SEATTLE—Canada is way ahead of us. By the end of March 3,000 redress checks were expected to have been issued, as reported in the *Nikkei Voice*, a Japanese Canadian publication in Toronto. Approximately 70-100 applications are being processed per day by the agency staff of 42 who have been working weekends to "cope with the volume" of close to 12,000 application received.

A lead article titled, "Redress Provides Unique Opportunity for Giving," estimates that there will be an "injection of approximately \$84 million" into each of the heavily populated communities of Vancouver and Toronto.

"An accumulation of this magnitude of capital for either community has never been known before. With this

unexpected windfall, the problem of supporting worthwhile and needed charitable projects is readily solved if the community will take this opportunity to show its generosity."

### Canadian Redress Settlement

Let's back up for a moment and review the Japanese Canadian "redress settlement." Theirs did not take the tortuous route of a legislative bill, but was a process of direct negotiations between the Canadian government and the National Association for Japanese Canadians (similar to the JACL). Although the deprivations and hardships suffered by Japanese Canadian during WW II were more severe and longer lasting than the Japanese Americans experienced, the NAJC's campaign for redress did not begin officially until November 1984, according to Art Miki, the NAJC president.

After meeting with resistance by the government of then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, the Japanese Canadians were promised a settlement when Prime Minister Brian Mulroney took office in 1984, but three successive Ministers of Multiculturalism who handled negotiations balked at individual compensation. After 4½ years of negotiations an agreement was surprisingly reached and settlement announced in the House of Commons on Sept. 22, 1988, just six weeks after President Ronald Reagan had signed H.R. 442—an event that "Canadian officials acknowledged had prompted them to resolve the impasse which was blocking agreement with the Japanese Canadians."

The Japanese Canadian redress settlement included the following key points:

- 1) To each of approximately 12,000 surviving Japanese Canadians who were forcibly removed from their homes and whose property was seized, an immediate lump sum payment of \$21,000 would be made.
- 2) \$12 million for a community fund for educational, social and cultural activities to remedy the destruction of Japanese Canadian community life, to be administered by the NAJC.
- 3) Up to \$3 million to the NAJC to help administer and implement the redress settlement.

4) \$12 million to establish a Canadian Race Relations Foundation, matched by another \$12 million to commemorate the experiences and memory of those Japanese Canadians who suffered internment during WWII, for a total \$24 million Foundation.

### Race Relations Foundation

The Canadian Race Relations Foundation which will be directed by a multicultural body representative of the various ethnicities, apparently, is a permanent entity. The Minister of Multiculturalism is quoted as stating, "... long after the last check has been issued, the foundation will provide an enduring reminder of what we can accomplish when we work together and it will play a vital role in helping to foster understanding and respect among Canada's many different cultural and racial groups..."

The counterpart in our redress bill, the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, whose funding of \$50 million is expected to be fulfilled only after all individual payments have been completed, shall "terminate 10 years after the date of the enactment of H.R. 442..." Given the difficulties of the appropriations process, the Civil Liberties Fund may have a very short life.

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## Rose Ochi Garner's Wide Support

LOS ANGELES—Rose Ochi, candidate for Office No. 2 in the L.A. Community College District Board race next Tuesday, was widely endorsed in her bid, including a coveted editorial endorsement from the *Los Angeles Times* March 30.

"She gets things done," the editorial said. "She has shown commitment to the community colleges both by seeking appointment for an earlier vacancy and by serving on the screening committee that helped select Chancellor Donald Phelps."

The East L.A. JACLer, who served on the National JACL board as vice president for membership services, has been endorsed by her boss, Mayor Tom Bradley, statewide, federal and local politicians, organizations and Asian American community leaders.



**NEW PRESIDENT**—Randi Tahara of the Los Angeles Police Department was installed as the president of the California Oriental Peace Officers Association (COPOA) on March 4 at the Miriwa Restaurant in Los Angeles. Tahara is the first woman to serve as the group's president. Shown above with Tahara is the outgoing president, John M. Witt.

Photo By Alvina Lew

### Honolulu Advertiser's 'Movers and Shakers'

## Nikkei Profiles Sprinkle Selections Within Politics, Sports and Community

HONOLULU—The front page to the Living Section of the *Honolulu Advertiser* recently featured photos and profiles of the Movers and Shakers of Hawaii. About a third of the selections were Japanese Americans.

In the world of business (Feb. 20) and corporate world looking out for the workers, consumers or business was:

**Larry Naito, 60**, an attorney who came out of retirement at the request of Gov. John Waihee to take a seat on the state public utilities commission last July. Two weeks later, he became chairman, put in 12-hours a day, and moved the PUC into a more active watchdog role for both consumer and the state.

In the world of politics (Feb. 21) were people who are not elected to office, have a low profile but who count:

**Harold Masumoto** heads the political and administrative "SWAT" team for Gov. Waihee, a newly-created office to move on a problem fast and get on to something else.

**George Yokoyama, 60**, director of Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council, is regarded as the "quiet force" of Big Island politics. He manages programs ranging from Head Start to transportation of the rural elderly.

Nothing brings a community together like sports, the Advertiser noted (Feb. 22) in listing these standouts:

**Golfer David Ishii, 33**, makes his game look easy.

**U.H. baseball coach Les Murakami, 52**, and one of the winningest college coaches with a 665-284-3 record since he began in 1971 and who took the only U.H. men's team to a College World Series and national championship in 1980.

**U.H. women's volleyball coach Dave Shoji, 42**, since 1975 whose 409-77 record includes four NCAA championships and in the Final Four ten times. He was an All-American on the UC-Santa Barbara squad. His father, Kobe, hails from San Gabriel Valley, served with the 442nd RCT and had met his wife and was married in an Arizona concentration camp.

**ADD:** popular sumoist **Salevaa Atisanoe**

### Retaining Family Name Focus of Symposium

TOKYO—Revision of a current law mandating one family for a married couple was the focus of a March 4 symposium called by Mizuho Fukushima and a committee of the Tokyo Bar Assn., which has been lobbying for reform to allow two surnames within a marriage.

Three Diet members in favor attended, presenting the views of the Japan Socialist Party and the Social Democratic Federation.

The Justice Ministry has maintained the people, especially the men, were against the idea, explained Keiko Chiba of the upper House of Councilors, who is urging a change.

Some women participants revealed they were not officially married because they did not want their names changed.

Tell Them You Saw It  
In the Pacific Citizen

## Japan Diet Gets Bill on New Women Rights Law on Mixed Marriages

TOKYO—The Takeshita cabinet submitted a bill to the Diet on March 10 that would extend full legal recognition to Japanese women married to citizens of other countries.

A Justice Ministry official described the bill as reflecting the latest in a series of move designed to "internationalize" Japan's private and public sectors.

Under the current 1898 law, the marriage of a Japanese woman to a man of foreign nationality is governed by the laws of the husband's homeland.

Consequently, women are not afforded the protection of Japan's marriage, divorce and child citizenship laws. By extension, the current law denies Japanese citizenship to children born from such a union.

## Ancient Chinese Relics Excavated in Kyushu

TOKYO—A site currently under excavation near the rural town of Kanzaki in Saga prefecture could provide evidence resolving the question of the lost realm of Yamatai—a third century kingdom known through ancient Chinese chronicles.

The *Japan Times* reported Masatoshi Jojima, 44, and his late father were working in an orange grove in 1954 and found swords, mirrors and other artifacts, which led archeologists to explore ancient burial sites in Kanzaki at this time.

## 442nd Veterans Shine on TV Spot for Bank

HONOLULU—A dozen veterans of the celebrated 442nd RCT are in eight 60-second spots for First Hawaiian Bank being shown on local television. The campaign began some 18 months ago. Akira "Sunshine" Fukunaga of "Go For Broke" film, Halo Hirose, Takashi Mitsuda, and Robert Sasaki are part of the cast.

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## Elk Grove Names Elementary School for Mary Tsukamoto, Retired Teacher

ELK GROVE, Calif. — Surprised and perplexed was Mary Tsukamoto, a dedicated teacher of 26 years who retired in 1976, when the Elk Grove Unified School District voted recently to name a new elementary school for her.

The school will stand west of Elk Grove-Florin Rd. south of Bond Rd.

Tsukamoto, a longtime Florin JACler who was chosen the JACler of the Biennium in 1986 for her work on Redress, continues her educational work with the Elk Grove school district by providing curricular materials.

She and her teaching colleague Elizabeth Pinkerton co-authored *We*

*the People, a Story of Internment in America* (1987).

**P.C. Note:** There are a number of public schools which have been named for Issei and Nisei, including two in Orange County: Kazuo Masuda School and the Tamura School (for an Issei); the George Shima Center at the San Joaquin Delta Community College in Stockton; and the Ishikawa Elementary School in Mesa, Ariz. The Defense Language Institute at Presidio of Monterey has halls named after its MIS heroes, T/Sgt Terry Mizutani of Hilo, T/3 Frank Hachiya of Hood River, Ore., and Sgt. George Nakamura of Santa Cruz, and most recently the John F. Aiso Library.

In the Los Angeles suburb near Gardena is the Masao W. Satow county library.

The P.C. Archive welcomes details of these and other educational institutions named after a Japanese American.



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## UCLA Offering 'Literary Encounters' with Seven Leading Asian American Writers

LOS ANGELES — Seven Asian American writers will be featured in a UCLA Extension lecture series this spring called "Literary Encounters With Leading Asian American Writers." It will be held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays April 18-May 23, with three lectures scheduled in the Buenos Aires Room of UCLA's Sunset Canyon Recreation Center and the remaining three at 39 Haines Hall on campus. The fee is \$55 for the series, or \$10 single admissions.

The sessions will include informal interviews, reading, live and taped performances and book signings.

The opening night (April 18) featured writer is Jean Shinoda Bolen. She is a Jungian analyst and author of

*The Tao of Psychology, Goddess in Everywoman and Gods in Everyman.* (Site: 39 Haines Hall)

On April 25, playwright and screenwriter Philip Kan Gotanda will speak. His most recent feature film is *The Wash* and his nationally performed plays include *Yankee Dawg You Die*, *A Song For a Nisei Fisherman*, *The Avocado Kid* and *The Dream of Kitaura*. (Site: Sunset Center.)

Award-winning playwright and poet Momoko Iko will be featured on May 2. His plays *Gold Watch* and *Flowers and Household Gods* have been performed on stage and television. (Site: Sunset Center)

On May 9, Maxine Hong Kingston, National Book Award recipient for *The Woman Warrior* and *China Men* will speak. Her latest book is *Trip Master Monkey: His Fake Book*. (Site: Haines Hall)

Poet and filmmaker Geraldine Kudaka and editor Sesshu Foster will talk on May 16. Kudaka's books include *Numerous Avalanches at the Point of Intersection* and *Persona*. Foster is author of *Angry Days* and editor of the forthcoming *L.A. Poets*. (Site: Sunset Center)

On May 23, Tony and Obie award-winner David Henry Hwang will be featured. His works include the Broadway hit *M. Butterfly*, plus *1000 Airplanes on the Roof*, *FOB* and *Family Devotions*. (Site: Haines Hall)

Russell Leong, a writer and the editor of the *UCLA AmerAsia Journal* will coordinate this program.

The program is being sponsored by the Writers' Program in cooperation with Extension's Pacific Rim programs.

For details, call (213) 206-8258.

## 1989 Clavell Competition Now Open

LOS ANGELES — Manuscripts for the Eleventh Annual James Clavell American Japanese National Literary Award are due no later than June 30, 1989. This annual award was initiated by James Clavell, whose novels include *Shogun*, *Taipan* and *Noble House*.

The winner of this year's short story competition will receive a \$1,000 cash prize to be presented at the Nikkei Foundation Gala Benefit, which will be held in Los Angeles, Saturday evening, July 23, at the Century Plaza Hotel.

The American Japanese National Literary Award competition is open to all Japanese Americans regardless of age.

### Rules

1) All entries must be original and not previously published. A letter from each entrant stating that the story is original and unpublished must accompany each entry.

2) All entries must incorporate some aspect of the Japanese American experience. Experiences of Japanese in Canada and Latin America is also acceptable.

3) All entries will exhibit both the plot and character development of a short story. All entries must be written in English.

4) All entries will be less than 5,000 words in length.

5) Eligibility for competition is limited to persons with at least one parent of Japanese ancestry. The award is otherwise open to all persons regardless of amateur or professional status.

6) All entries will be retained by the American Japanese National Literary Award Foundation to be used for doc-



**OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER**—Smoky Hirao Sakurada, 71, (center) holds the outstanding volunteer award for his involvement with CARA—Chicago Area Runners Assn. in 1987-88. With him are (from left) CARA director Carol Garsee, Dorothy Wakamatsu, Pauline Lusto, and president Patti Adachi, Chicago JACL. Smoky, a non-runner, was honored March 4, is retired now at LaCrosse, Wis., and is the P.C. Holiday Issue promoter for his chapter. CARA sponsors over 25 circuit races for all ages during the year and is the nation's second largest club of its kind.

## Run/Walk to Benefit Kimochi Set

SAN FRANCISCO — The 8th Annual Kimochi-Cherry Blossom Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, April 16, at 9 a.m. in conjunction with the 22nd Anniversary Cherry Blossom Festival. The five-mile TAC sanctioned race will begin at the intersection of 41st Ave. and Chain of Lakes Dr. in Golden Gate Park and finish in Japantown at Post and Webster Sts.

This year includes a two-mile course for those who rather not run, but stride

into the finish line. The walk will start at 9:30 a.m. and begin in Golden Gate Park near Fell & Stanyan Sts. and proceed along the race course to Japantown. A \$1 shuttle service is available prior to the race from Japantown to the starting line only.

Proceeds from the Kimochi/Cherry Blossom Run will go to benefit Kimochi, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life to senior citizens. The tax-deductible entry fee is \$15 for race day registration.

Each entrant will receive a t-shirt designed by the master works of Leland Wong, race results, refreshments, a chance at winning a Honda Elite 50 motor bike donated by Golden Gate Cycles, and a personal computer donated by Micro-Menders.

This year's Special Recognition goes to Chief Frank Jordan of the San Francisco Police Department for his years of commitment and service to the community. This Run is sponsored in part by Kimochi, Inc., Golden Gate Cycles, Coors, Azumaya/Stir Fruity, Sapporo Beer, Micro-Menders, AT&T, Duty Free, Clearly Canadian, and The California Lottery 6/49.

People of all ages are invited to participate. For more information or an application, please call (415) 931-2294

## Detroit JACL Chapter Installs 1989 Board

DETROIT — The 43rd Annual Installation Dinner for officers of the Detroit Chapter JACL brought together some 100 members and friends on Feb. 11. In addition to the attendance of keynote speaker Henry Tanaka, MDC redress chairman from Cleveland, the surprise presence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Korematsu highlighted the evening at Southfield Charley's in Southfield, Mich. An impromptu greeting by Korematsu was well received.

The chapter's concern of the future of JACL after redress was addressed by Tanaka by posing a series of questions: What will JACL look like in 1994? What conditions are needed to assure a viable future for JACL? What issues should we have to address?

Breakdown of the questions included discussions on the survival profile, conjecturing the future geographic focus and distribution of chapters; internal profile, questioning the function of the local chapters; external profile, responding to the realities of America's pluralistic society.

The importance of insuring the fiscal security of JACL by the establishment of a \$20 million endowment, development of strong leadership, networking with outside organizations in support of noble causes, U.S.-Japan relations, cultural enrichment, youth and young adult programs, political involvement, proaction rather than reaction and education of the public were some of the areas of concern.

JACLer of the Year award went to David Maxon for his untiring effort in focusing and keeping alive JACL issues of today and tomorrow. Frank Watanabe, awards chairman, presented Certificates of Appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Higo and George Otsuji for their leadership in the Old World Market and Dr. John Teshima for his continued support of the chapter newsletter.

The chairperson's gavel was passed by past Chairperson Lisa Archer to newly installed Chairperson Scott Yamazaki.

Invocation was given by David Fukuzawa and the toastmaster for the evening was Jim Shimoura. Dinner arrangements were handled by Mary Kamidori and Toshi Shimoura.

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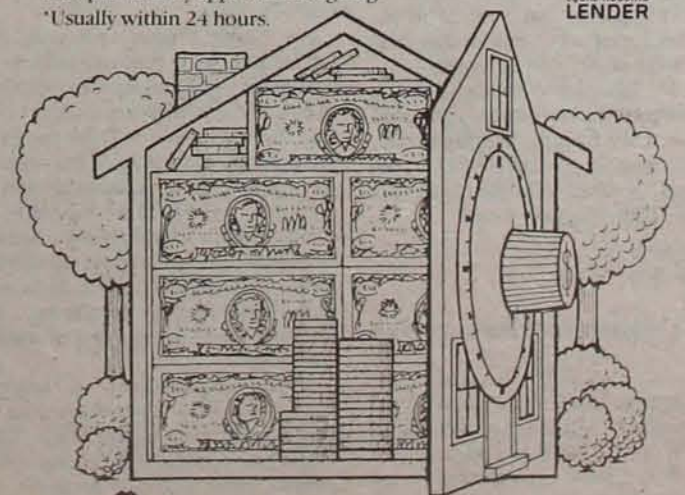
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### EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:

## A Sign of Tolerance

**D**ESPITE CONSTITUTIONAL guarantees of freedom of religion, Americans have not always been tolerant of faiths with which they are not familiar. The intolerance toward Buddhism during World War II is an example.

Buddhism, like most religions, teaches tolerance, compassion, understanding, love and non-violence. But because Buddhism is the predominant faith of Japan, followers of the faith were regarded with suspicion in the United States in the hysteria of war. Buddhist priests were among the first to be seized in the post-Pearl Harbor FBI roundups. When the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was organized, a request for a Buddhist chaplain was denied. Two Christian chaplains offered their understanding in meeting the spiritual needs of Nisei who embraced Buddhism.

But times are changing. The teachings of Buddha have been adopted by many non-Asians. Christian theology schools included Buddhism in their studies. Several years ago the establishment of the Numata Translation Center in Berkeley, Calif., with the mission of translating the vast store of Buddhist scripture into English, was widely acclaimed in theological circles.

The most recent evidence of tolerance was the appointment of a Buddhist scholar to the Iliff School of Theology, a Methodist-supported seminary, in Denver. The trustees invited Dr. Jose Cabezon, now at Ohio State University, to the position of assistant professor of philosophy of religion. Born in Cuba to a Catholic family, Dr. Cabezon studied Buddhism in Tibet and adopted it as his faith.

Coincidentally, Dr. Roy Sano, a Nisei, is bishop of the conference in which Denver falls.

With such evidence of growing tolerance, there may be hope for mankind after all.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### JACL: Time to Apologize

Now that we have won a meaningful apology for our World War II relocation, including a \$20,000 award per evacuee, shouldn't we own up to the fact that we made a few blunders ourselves?

For example, our "the end justifies the means" activists have a nasty habit of turning sympathizers into implacable enemies.

Lillian Baker—author, artist, international expert on women's jewelry, etc.—enjoyed haiku poetry and collected Japanese artifacts. During a long, bitter controversy over the term "concentration camp," she became so enraged at abusive tactics of JA extremists that she turned into the foremost opponent of redress.

Rep. Dan Lungren, one of the most popular congressmen, was sympathetic toward redress, although he opposed personal awards. Questionable maneuvers by pro-redress activists that overturned his nomination for California state treasurer have outraged his friends and supporters in the state and the national capital.

Dan Lungren doesn't hold grudges. But wouldn't it ease our conscience if the national JACL expressed regret for the excesses of some of our political zealots?

The JACL is quick to demand apologies for anything that can be remotely construed as racist. Let's have the integrity to publicly apologize for obvious sins of our own members, however well-intentioned they may be. Better late than never!

MAS ODOI  
Federal Way, Wash.

#### JACL: Historical Perspective

In conjunction with the research into the resolution of the Seattle Chapter to apologize for JACL actions taken during the WW II (National Board meeting, Feb. 4-5, 1989), I feel it is pertinent to review the entire history of the JACL from its beginning.

The following is based on my own personal observation: The Gentlemen's A-

greement in 1924 completely stopped the flow of Japanese immigrants, yet Congress and state legislatures were flooded with anti-Japanese bills year after year.

"Prohibit aliens from owning lands," "Deport aliens not gainfully employed" and "Revoke Japanese Americans' citizenship" were typical relentless clamors.

The resident Japanese, having no citizenship, were defenseless. The Japanese Consulate was their only protector, but it was impotent.

This predicament led to the birth of the JACL. Older Nisei banded together to uphold their rights as American citizens. To combat the onslaught of anti-Japanese movement, the JACL founders chose to present themselves as super-patriots to outdo old-guard Republicans, red-necked American Legionnaires and other flag-waving racists.

JACL meetings were opened with the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. (This practice was unheard of in the Japanese community.) Occasionally they passed resolutions to the effect that they would bear arms in defense of America in case of a war.

One Seattle Chapter spokesman even had the audacity to personally address the crew of the visiting Japanese naval training ship—"We cordially invite you to our land, but I want you to know that in the event of a war between Japan and America, you and I would be on opposite sides."

In short early JACLers wanted to become American standard bearers. Some of them even went to the extent of endorsing an anti-alien bill that required all aliens to be fingerprinted. They thought they could overcome racial persecution by making concessions.

Violent confrontation was never in JACL's advocacy. Particularly open defiance of authorities in time of war, which would give comfort to the enemy and inevitably invite retaliatory measures, was inconceivable as far as the JACL was concerned.

JAMES ODA  
Northridge, Calif.



### FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

## More Memories of Kagawa



George J. Furutani of Hackensack, N.J., who grew up on a Southern California farm, wrote to me recently in response to the Frying Pan column about Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa. I'd like to share some of Furutani's recollections with you.

Furutani's father, Fukumatsu, was among the Issei converted to Christianity by the famous Japanese evangelist, and he took his new religion seriously. Furutani recalls that as a small boy he frequently was taken by his father back into the fields after dark and they would sit together alongside an irrigation ditch to pray.

Fukumatsu Furutani became a lay preacher, and in time he built a church in his home town in Japan and supported it for years. Dr. Kagawa visited the Furutani farm occasionally. "Whenever we met Dr. Kagawa," George Furutani writes, "we always shook our own hands in greeting as he supposedly had contracted certain diseases while ministering to the poor in the Shinkawa slums of Tokyo in his

younger days."

Yet Kagawa served rice to his friends at a memorable meal in San Francisco. After delivering a sermon in a town near Los Angeles, the evangelist flew from Burbank to San Francisco to board a ship for Japan. It turned out to be the last Japanese liner to sail before the outbreak of war.

Dr. Kagawa had more luggage than could be taken on the plane and George was assigned to truck it to San Francisco. "I drove through the night," he recalls, "reaching San Francisco the following morning. A small group of us had lunch in a Japanese restaurant where Dr. Kagawa served each of us *gohan*. It reminded me of Christ washing the feet of his disciples prior to his Crucifixion."

Kagawa, who left most of his correspondence to his secretary, sent George a hand-written note of thanks. He still has it. It read:

"Thank you thousand times for your kindness in drive very far for my goods from Los Angeles to San Francisco. I

repeat thank you! I saw your father next morning and his friend said that your father is the extremely kind gentleman he has ever seen. And I think the same way. I wish you would be the same way.

"Please study very hard and prove to be a fine leader in Japan or in America. Thomas Edison said Genius is 99% perspiration and 1% inspiration. Therefore you would study very hard and be inventive in things. Thank you again. Yours very truly, Toyohiko Kagawa, your friend and brother." The letter is dated Aug. 4, 1941 and the envelope is postmarked Berkeley.

1941? That would be 48 years ago. The other day I saw an oldtimer being interviewed on television about the old days, 'way back in the 60s. That was only yesterday, but to the young that would be a long time ago, a time of flower children and anti-war demonstrations and peace rallies and sit-ins.

But there were interesting happenings before then, and sometimes it's good to remember.

### EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

## Karifuoruniya Shū



WHILE RUMMAGING about in the *jiun* (Rose-Innes' "Beginner's Dictionary of Chinese Japanese Characters and Compounds," U.S. Army issue, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota) I came across "*Karifuoruniya-shū*," State of California. Of course, it is not the tongue-twister it appears to be, known to most as simply "*Ka-shu*." The *shu* means "province" or "state," and many of you know it's written with the *kanji* for *kawa* (river) with three *bochi*'s (as I call "dot's") in between the three vertical lines. I understand that those *bochi*'s stand for "land" between three rivers.

AS FOR "KA" of "*Ka-shu*," it has no particular significance (that I know of) other than it's simply phonetic. The *kanji* is written with *chikara* on the left (meaning "strength") and what I would label *kuchi* (mouth) on the right. Rose-Innes explains that the *kan* (Japanese) reading is *kuwa* (*hiera*) meaning "to add; join; increase;" also *kuwawa* (*ru*) meaning "to add; join; enter."

So you take a "strong mouth" and add it to a state, and you end up with the Golden State: KARIHUORUNIYA - SHU.

THIS "KA" also has another

geographic use, for it is used to identify our neighbors to the north: *Kanada*. The "Ka" part you already know. The "na" translates into "what?" It's part of the compound for the name of "Nara," that elegant cultural city beyond Kyoto. If geography does not particularly interest you but gustatory delights do, you'll recognize "*nara-zuke*." With a bowl of hot rice, it's the next best thing to pickled mustard greens (*takana*).

But leaving all that *tsukemono* and getting back to completing "*Kanada*." After all, we can't leave it dangling with "*Kana*—," we need to explore the "*da*."

WELL, THE "DA" (also pronounced at times "ta") simply means "steep." I found no compounds to go with this "da," so I'm not at all sure how it is used in Japanese jargon. The usual word for "steep" (as an incline or mountain) is *kewashii* ("kewashii yamamichi") or (steep mountain road). So, if *Ka-shu* is a "strong mouth state," then *Kanada* is—"What steep strong mouth?"

Uh, don't put down the paper just yet. We have one more with "ka."

HOW MANY of you out there could guess what "*ka-ta-ru*" means, keeping in mind that all of this *ate-ji* (using *kanji* to mimic phonetically foreign words)? Well, when I saw the English term, I still wasn't certain what it meant: *catarrh*. The word "*catarrh*" is defined as "inflammation of a mucous membrane; esp.: one chronically affecting the human nose and air passages." (So that's what's been bothering me each post-Labor Day when hay fever plagues me?)

So, how is this plague—*ka-ta-ru*—written? We already know the "*ka*." What about "*ta*" and "*ru*"?

THE "TA" is simply the *kanji* for *kota* (*eru*), that is "to answer." As for the final part, the *ru*, I thought I wasn't going to locate it. But sticking with Rose-Innes, I think I found it—albeit it is pronounced as *ji*, *ni* (in *on-yomi*) and *ko* (baby) in *kun-yomi*. (No, this is a different *ko* not the *ko* that looks like an embryo.) Those of you out there who also failed to turn in your GI Rose-Innes, you'll find it on page 380.

Karifuoruniya-shū.

## MOSHI MOSHI

JIN KONOMI

## Japan's Retrogression into the Past

All through the late Emperor Hirohito's illness and death I was troubled by an uneasy feeling. The exaggerated show of anxiety and sorrow by the people forced me to concede reluctantly that they still regarded him as somebody special, a quasi-god who was above law and moral code which govern ordinary people; that all the documented evidence that pointed to his guilt in starting the war, and his role in prolonging the war that made inevitable the carnage of Okinawa, the massacres of Hiroshima and Nagasaki had not made any impression on them, or, if they did, they had completely ignored them. In my gut feeling, I knew that these proofs of their continued loyalty would embolden the government to carry out its long cherished plan to restore the *tenno* institution to its old majesty and prestige.

My feeling was right. The first act of its recidivistic policy was the extravagant state funeral for Hirohito, which was the biggest in recent world history. Clearly in violation of the law, the event demonstrated the government's determination to bulldoze its will through any unconstitutional objections.

But, really, it did not take any prophetic vision to foresee such a power play, for all signs had been pointing to it from the very beginning of the postwar era.

In my view, a great majority of the Japanese leaders had outgrown the awe of the *tenno*, or have never been weaned from the fixation on the trappings and protocol of the *tenno* institution. Shigeru Yoshida, probably the most intractable premier under the Allied occupation, stoutly resisted the Allied move to abolish the crime of *lese majesty*, but in the end had to knuckle under the stronger power of the Allies. Later, there were several attempts at disciplining members of the Diet for

departments deemed as lacking in proper respect to the emperor. Only intervention by the GHQ saved Japan from getting shackled with this relic of medievalism.

In 1947, while still under occupation the Diet tried to adopt a constitutional amendment to set up rules for the change of the *gengō* era name. GHQ stopped the attempt as anachronistic. As soon as the occupation ended, the Diet enacted such a law, in spite of opposition by a great many people who wanted to abolish this silly custom.

Successive cabinets had been trying to revive the old practice of raising the Rising Sun flag and singing of *Kimigayo* (Japan's unofficial national anthem) at public events and school programs with only partial success. The Nikkyōso (Japan Education Assn.) strenuously opposed each move, and many parents and liberal organizations supported Nikkyōso. In their view the association of the Rising Sun and Japan's wartime rampages in Southeast Asia and Pacific islands is too strong; *Kimigayo* as a hymn to the *tenno* felicitating him on thousands of years of continued reign, and is totally inappropriate as the national anthem of a democracy. Mindful of their lack of legal authority, the Ministry of Education had always adopted a conciliatory tone, suggesting, instead of ordering, that such a practice as "desirable."

The situation changed abruptly with the death of Hirohito. Shortly thereafter, the Ministry of Education directed prefectural boards of education to order all schools from kindergarten through high school to observe national holidays with programs at school. Such programs were to include the raising of the flag and singing of *Kimigayo*, followed by a didactic talk by the principal calculated to instill in

the students proper reverence for the *tenno* as well as to give them an understanding of the meaning of the day being observed. Then, two weeks before the state funeral, the ministry issued another directive ordering the schools to observe the event with a program of mourning by raising the flag at half mast, and the principal delivering a eulogy to the late emperor to make the students realize what a great loss his death was. It is obvious that the government is determined to impress on the tender minds of the school children at every turn the special importance of the *tenno* and *tenno* system in Japan's national life.

Restoring the Rising Sun and *Kimigayo* as national flag and anthem is a small act, but it is fraught with sinister portents. I have a feeling that the government will rely more and more on fiat for policy enactments in the future, instead of legislative process. Japan may well become an authoritarian state, a democracy in name only.

What I have been hoping against but fearing seems to be happening. Japan is backsliding into the past.

This article has nothing to say about the forces of democracy actively resisting the government's regressive policy. I intend to deal with them very soon. It is encouraging to note (to me, that is) that quite a few private schools refused to heed the Ministry of Education edict with regard to participation in the state mourning.

And I must apologize to the readers for this article contradicts the previous article, "A Post Mortem." I was too naive and simplistic. What the government is doing is no "intrigue to resuscitate..." but an open power play, arrogantly disdainful of any constitutional objections. I am reminded of Reagan's Central American policy.



## KINOSHITA

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## NAJC Implementation of Redress

Under the \$3 million allocated to NAJC to help administer and implement the redress settlement, a NAJC administration office was established in Richmond, B.C., with Tony Tamayose, a government career staffer, taking over the national administrator responsibilities. Tamayose estimates that about 95% of those eligible have submitted applications, and it appears that the final figure will end up more like 14,000 claimants. Continuing at the rate of approximately 2,000 payments each month, the individual payment phase is expected to be completed about August or September of this year.

## Opportunity for Giving

Getting back to the article in the *Nikkei Voice*, the writer likening the situation to tithing, suggests that "surely 10 cents on the dollar from a 'windfall' is not asking an exorbitant amount." Ten percent of the funds expected to be received in Toronto alone would result in donations of \$8.4 million. The writer suggests that such an amount would go a long way to fund major community projects such as the health care center, the cultural center expansion, and other deserving projects.

"Each of these charitable projects could also benefit by applying for a matching type of grant from the \$12 million community fund" administered by the NAJC. "The more projects can raise in funds from the individual donor, the more they can apply for the community fund for additional funding." According to the article, this principle of distributing funds from the community fund, with adjustments for a weighting formula to benefit the smaller communities, seems to be receiving wide approval.

Art Miki reports that the National Council of the NAJC at its meeting in

January adopted a foundation structure that will be responsible for disbursement of the \$12 million community fund over a five-year period. (Tamayose reports that the contract with the government was signed on March 30 to transfer the \$12 million into the Foundation's account.) Guidelines were established by the National Council that provides for \$8 million to be used for capital projects and the remaining \$4 million for senior activities, educational cultural and human rights projects.

A leadership conference was held on March 24-25 to "create a greater understanding of the Japanese Canadian community." States Miki, "We are concerned with the future direction and leadership of the NAJC. It is hoped that through this conference the seeds of interest will be planted, to be ripe and ready to grow in the future."

## JACL, Its Future and Redress

Yes, indeed, Japanese Canadians are way, way ahead of us. Under such abundance of magnanimity by the government, the NAJC's immediate concerns would appear to be fulfilling the philanthropic role of fund-granting rather than fund-raising. More power to the good things they have going—they deserve every bit of the fruits of their struggles.

And yet, they too, are concerned with their future direction and leadership.

How will JACL look ahead to its future? How should JACL look at the potential "windfall"—of a more moderate proportion perhaps—in dealing with its future survival?

These and other prickly questions were explored and suggestions hammered out at a national meeting held in January by a dozen JACL members with diverse geographic representation. The proposals which were developed from this meeting will be discussed in next week's issue—with an earnest invitation to readers to respond to the ideas explored.

## For the Record

A photo caption that should have appeared on page 5 of the March 31 P.C. was lost. The caption named June Okida, a kotoist in the music group Hiroshima and actress Natsuko Ohama, both of whom appear in *Sansei*, which was reviewed on that page.

## NJAHS Women's Exhibit Interviewing Nikkei Women

SAN FRANCISCO — The Oral History Committee of the National Japanese American Historical Society's Women's Exhibit, scheduled to open at the Oakland Museum in February of 1990, has launched a project of interviewing on tape as Japanese American women to bring to life the photographs which are being collected for the exhibit.

The Exhibit Committee emphasizes that this is not an exhibit of high profile women, but will strive to bring together stories from a cross-section of three generations of Japanese American women—Issei, Nisei and Sansei.

The Oral History Committee invites Japanese American women interested in interviewing other Nikkei women to participate in the project.

For information call Rosalyn Tonai,

National Japanese American Historical Society, (415) 431-5007, or write to 1855 Folsom St. San Francisco, CA 94103.

## UC Irvine Celebrating Asian Heritage Week

IRVINE, Calif. — A celebration, "East Within West: Coming Together," will highlight this year's Asian Heritage Week festivities Monday to Friday, April 10-14, at the University of California, Irvine.

The event, sponsored by UCI's Asian-Pacific Student and Staff Association, will feature traditional music, dances, costumes and martial arts to reflect how Asian culture is preserved in the West. In addition to cultural performances and displays, the Asian student organizations will join with Greek fraternity members in a "Small World" skit depicting campus group interaction.

The daily activities and food sales will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Gateway Commons Plaza. All events are free and open to the public.

For more information on Asian Heritage Week call the Cross-Cultural Center at (714) 856-7215.

## Conservationists in Japan Campaigning to Save Tropical Rain Forests in South America, S.E. Asia

By Yoichi Kuroda  
(from Tokyo Shimbun)

South American Indians have a saying that the tropical rain forest "supports the sky; cut down the trees and disaster follows." Despoiled parts of Southeast Asia attest to heaven's wrath.

Japan's voracious consumption of paper, furniture and building wood makes us a co-conspirator in the assault on the ecological balance.

Most of the forests in the Philippines have been felled for timber exports, mainly to Japan, causing severe erosion, siltation, floods and droughts. Farmers and fishermen have been so badly hurt that in 1988 the Philippine Catholic Bishops Conference devoted a pastoral letter to the issue.

Of the world's 4.94 billion acres of tropical forest, 60% is rain forest. Although occupying only 7% of the earth's land area, it is nature's treasure house, home to 2.5 million different forms of life.

More than half of the rain forests have been destroyed since the beginning of this century. Each year another 2.5 to 3.7 million acres are lost to the ravages of man.

In Southeast Asia, most of the valuable lowland forests have already been cut. As logging operations go farther into the interior, the quality of the timber is declining.

Ecologists estimate that over the next 10 to 15 years, more than 500,000 species of flora and fauna will become extinct as a result of deforestation. They also believe there will be an ac-

celerated increase in carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere, contributing to the "greenhouse effect."

The tropical rain forests of Southeast Asia have been decimated mainly by commercial logging, followed by the encroachment of landless people.

Deforestation in Brazil's Amazon basin and elsewhere in Latin America is mostly due to clearing huge tracts for agribusiness projects—large-scale cattle raising and cash-crop plantations—funded by investors from the United States, Japan and other countries.

In 1985, Malaysia exported 74% of the world total of tropical hardwood logs. Japan buys 52% of the global production of such logs; when sawn lumber and plywood are included, Japan purchases 40% of all hardwood timber.

Japan imports 490 million cubic feet of tropical lumber annually, down from 910 million cubic feet several years ago. In 1987, 91% came from Malaysia.

With the steady depletion of rain forests, the lumber industry has moved first from the Philippines to Indonesia, and now to Malaysia in search of new stands of timber.

Four-fifths of hardwood logs are processed into plywood, of which more than 80% is used for construction, civil engineering and furniture. Valuable mangrove forests are being cut down to manufacture high-quality paper or make space for commercial shrimp farms that export to Japan.

In most tropical countries, timber

rights are controlled by military and political elites that monopolize the profits. Many large-scale development projects are encouraged by the advanced nations and financed by the World Bank, commercial banks and multinational corporations.

As early as 1976, the International Union for Conservation of Nature announced guidelines for the conservation and development of tropical forests. In 1987, non-governmental organizations in both industrialized and developing countries pressured the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), a United Nations-affiliated multi-governmental forum, into establishing guidelines and projects for sustainable utilization of tropical forests.

Last year, conservationists urged ITTO to help developing countries improve forestry management or implement such policies.

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has invested tens of millions of dollars in programs to save the rain forests. Recently, WWF has obtained tracts of primeval forests, in return for assuming certain debt obligations, and turned them into conservation areas or national parks.

Yet this effort encompasses only 4% of tropical woodlands. Tropical countries must quickly reform their forest and land-use policies. Those that depend on the timber trade for foreign currency should realize that exploitation without renewal spells economic

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## THE CALENDAR

## LOS ANGELES AREA

■ Present—April 23—East West Players present Warren Kubota's Webster Street Blues, East West Playhouse, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Fri. and Sat. evenings, 8 pm; Sun., 2 pm. Info: 213 660-0366.

■ Present—May 7—AJA 4, an exhibit at the JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Tues.—Fri.: noon–5 pm. Sat. & Sun.: 11 am–4 pm. Closed Muns. Free. Info: 213 628-2725.

■ Present—April 23—"Framed: A Video Installation" by Bruce and Norman Yonemoto, Long Beach Museum of Art, 2300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach. Admission: \$1 donation. Info: 213 439-2119.

■ Present—April 23—"Masami Teraoka: Waves and Plagues," the mainland premiere exhibition of 33 new works by Masami Teraoka, Long Beach Museum of Art, 2300 E. Ocean Blvd. Admission: \$1 donation. Info: 213 439-2119.

■ Present—May 7—Mark Taper Forum presents Hiroshima in Sansei, 135 N. Grand Ave. Tickets: 213 410-1062 or 714 634-1300. Info: 213 972-7373.F

■ April 9—Fundraiser for Rose Ochi, candidate for L.A. Community College Board Seat #2, at the home of Monterey Park City Councilwoman Judy Chu and attorney Michael Eng, 712 Bataan Pl., Monterey Park, 2–4 pm. Cost: \$25/ea. RSVP and info: 213 387-2255.

## ORANGE COUNTY

■ April 10–14—UC Irvine presents Asian Week 1989, "East Within West: Coming Together," a week-long celebration of Asian culture. Info: 714 856-7215.

■ April 22—"Olé Fiesta," the theme for the Orange County Sansei Singles 3rd anniversary party, 8 pm–1 am, Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim. Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door.

## PORTLAND

■ April 21–May 21—Yankee Dawg You Die, Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. Info: 503 243-7930.

## SACRAMENTO

■ April 15—Jan Ken Po Gakko's Annual Family Spaghetti/Bingo Night, 5–8:30 pm, Sacramento United Methodist Church, 6929 Franklin Blvd. Info: 916 455-6287 or 916 391-9030.

## SEATTLE

■ Present—April 22—"Surinomo," early

## DEATHS

Mitsuo Fujishige, 76, of Honolulu died March 6. He coached for 15 years (1939–1953) and leading Waipahu High to four straight Rural Oahu football championships in the early 1950s, stepped down because of health and later became active in local real estate. He led Waipahu to six football titles, seven basketball titles and six baseball titles during his seven-year tenure. He graduated from Mid-Pacific Institute and Univ. of Hawaii, where he played baseball and football.

19th century Japanese woodblock prints, Honeychurch Antiques, 1008 James St., Mon.–Sat., 10 am–6 pm. Info: 206 622-1225.

■ Present—April 7—Art exhibit by Shinzaburo Takeda, 3rd floor, El Centro de la Raza, 2524 16th Ave. S. Opening reception: March 30, 6–8 pm, jointly hosted by the consulate general of Japan, the JACL, consulate of Mexico and El Centro de la Raza. Regular hours: Mon., Wed. & Fri., 9 am–6 pm. Tues. & Thurs., 9 am–9 pm. Sat., 11 am–4 pm. Info: 206 329-2974.

■ Present—April 21—Wall and floor sculpture by Minoru Yata, Mazey Hickey Gallery, 2317 1st Ave., Wed.–Sun., 2–6 pm. Info: 206 448-1507.

■ April 23—Nichiren Buddhist Church Annual Bazaar, 1042 S. Weller St., 11 am–4:30 pm. Items for sale: beef curry, imogashi, apple cobbler, chow mein, udon, chicken teriyaki, and various sushi. Tickets: \$2.50 each from church members. Info: 206 323-2252.

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## Seven Asian American Communities in Council to Advise Cleveland's Mayor

CLEVELAND—To help city government better serve the growing number of Asians now living in Cleveland, Mayor George V. Voinovich appointed 21 members from seven Asian American communities to a newly established Asian Advisory Council, the mayor's office announced March 3.

The 1980 U.S. Census lists 3,384 people of Asian and Pacific Island heritage in the city. It is estimated that number has at least doubled.

"Such a council has been needed for a long time," Voinovich said. "We believe that it will be very beneficial to the city in many ways. When some of the members of our traditional ethnic neighborhoods moved out of Cleveland, more Asian Americans came in. They are a vital source of remaking the neighborhoods and the city."

The advisory council is expected to maintain good relations between the various ethnic groups through a task force responsible for formalizing plans to deal with EEO, minorities and small business enterprises, and a seminar on how to do business with the city and other government agencies, the mayor said.

The seven Asian communities and representatives are:

Chinese—James Chin, Dr. Alex Mark, Frances Namkoong; Indian—Dr. T.J. Sargia, Jitu Anin, Paramjit Singh; Japanese—Tom Nakao Jr. (Council secretary), Gary Yano, Harry Taketa; Korean—David Namkoong, Jay Reu, Jae-Won Lee; Vietnamese—Diue Thuc Do, Xuan Nguyen, Ham V. Vu; Filipino—Augusto Miguel, Dr. Rodolfo Lontoc, Dr. Modesto Peralta Jr.; and Taiwanese—Mike Lin, Dr. Chin-Po Chen, Dr. Su Q. Huang.

Nakao and one community delegate will be the main contact and convener. In time, other communities will be added. City employees working with the council include:

Jack Uy, public safety; Le Nguyen, commu-

## Mountain Plains to Continue Joint District Conference with EDC-MDC

By Tom Masamori

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — In lieu of the fall meeting, the Mountain Plains JACL District Council will convene with the Eastern-Midwest district councils in Chicago August 4–6, what will now be the second tri-district conference of the eastern half of JACL regions, it was decided here Mar. 18 at the spring district meeting.

(The three JACL districts for California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii and the Pacific will hold their ninth Tri-District Conference at Reno's Peppermill Hotel over the April 21–23 weekend.

(By tradition, National JACL conventions are held in the even-numbered years. The eight district councils schedule their conventions in the odd-numbered years. The Midwest and Eastern Districts began to hold joint conferences since 1957 and two years ago in Denver with Mountain Plains

for their first tri-district. The other two districts, Pacific Northwest and Intermountain, met jointly for the first time two years ago at Jackpot, Nev., and are planning to meet Aug. 27 at Wendover by the Utah-Nevada stateline.)

## MPDC Items on Agenda

The spring meeting at the Hilton Hotel here (see Mar. 31 P.C.), chaired by Gov. Betty Waki, covered membership development, the funding of representatives to the Washington, D.C., leadership conference scheduled this September, an update on redress, the JACL guidelines for amicus brief, and the 1990 national JACL convention at San Diego.

Cressey Nakagawa, national JACL president, was guest speaker at the banquet to commemorate the passage of the redress bill, and to acknowledge the support of the New Mexico congressional delegation. The invitees, each being represented by their local staff, were Sens. Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman, Reps. Manuel Lujan (now Secretary of the Interior), Bill Richardson, Joe Skeen, and Steven Schiff.

S. Ruth Y. Hashimoto, a charter member of the New Mexico JACL, spoke of her wartime experiences at Heart Mountain, Wyo. Keynote speaker Rebecca Vigil-Giron, New Mexico's secretary of state, lauded the contributions by minorities to the development of the Great Southwest and New Mexico.

Greetings were extended by Harry Watson, New Mexico JACL president. Onetime MPDC Gov. Ron Shibata was master of ceremonies.

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The Drive continues as we near the finale. Thank You!

## RAIN FORESTS

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and ecological disaster. Timber areas must be conserved and regenerated to provide a long-term source of income.

The industrialized nations also must take vigorous, concerted action to discourage wasteful consumption of natural resources and halt investment or aid ventures that lead to forest destruction. Exploitation must include reforestation.

The U.S. government has made the conservation of tropical forests an official policy. A grass-roots movement in Britain to use only tropical timber from sustainable sources has gained wide support and spread throughout the European Community.

In Japan, conservation groups are campaigning against the use of tropical wood for cheap, disposable furniture and construction materials, such as plywood shutterings used in pouring concrete, and the consumption of high-quality paper made from mangrove trees. We are also promoting the use of alternative materials and lobbying government and industry to adopt pro-conservation policies.

Yoichi Kuroda is executive director of the Japan Tropical Forest Action Network. . . . Translated from the Japanese newspaper Tokyo Shimbun by the Asia Foundation's Translation Center, Tokyo.

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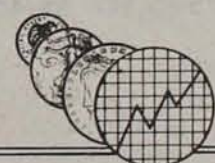
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